

Norton wrestlers win duals on Thursday

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team headed for the prestigious Newton Wrestling Tournament of Champions on Thursday afternoon and won Mid-Continent League duals in impressive fashion over Smith Center and Trego Community along the way.

Wrestling in WaKeeney last night, Norton defeated Smith Center in their first dual by a score of 53-18, then outscored Trego in their second dual by a tally of 55-22. In the first dual of the evening, Trego edged Smith Center 40-39 with a penalty point being the difference.

Norton is competing today and Saturday in the 43rd annual Newton tournament. Twenty-eight teams will compete, most of them from Class 5A and 6A. Norton is the defending champion. The Blue Jays were the smallest enrollment school to ever win the tournament when they brought home the championship trophy last year.

Smith Center

In the victory over the Redmen last night, the Blue Jays won 8 of 11 matches wrestled and 2 of the 3 remaining matches by forfeit.

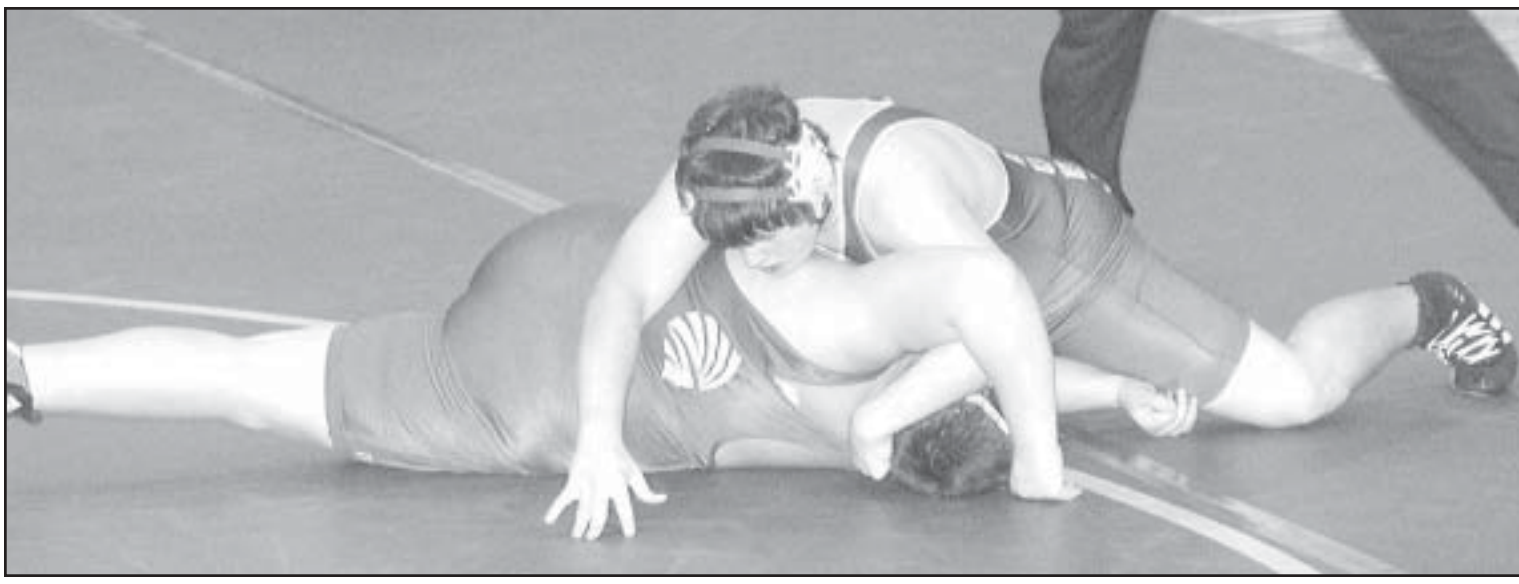
"We lost only three matches to Smith Center and two of the three were very close," said Coach Johnson.

"The only match we lost that I was disappointed with was Jon Harding's match with Justin York. I didn't think Jon wrestled his best.

"I would also have liked to see Blake VanEaton defeat Travis Warner but Blake didn't give up and wrestled Warner even in the third period.

"Lance Roe wrestled a much improved match over his match with Jake Nichols in the Durham Invitational. Lance beat him by just 7-3 then and dominated Nichols this time.

"Overall, I was pleased with the way we wrestled. Smith Center's wins were close ones. On the other



Zach Mannel, Norton's 275 pound wrestler, pins Johnny Troy of Smith Center to complete the Blue Jays' impressive dual win over the Redmen last night. No.1 state

hand, we won quite a few bonus matches."

Results were:

103 - Phillip Becker, Norton, won by forfeit.

112 - No.4 state ranked Zach Bainter won a 5-0 decision over Trevor Rempe. Bainter beat Rempe by the same score to win the 112 pound gold medal in the Durham Invitational.

119 - Breyer Simmons, Norton, won by forfeit.

125 - No.2 state ranked Nathan Broeckelman pinned Travis Rempe in 3:41.

130 - Kent Mann, No.4 state ranked, won a 17-5 major decision over Marshall McCall.

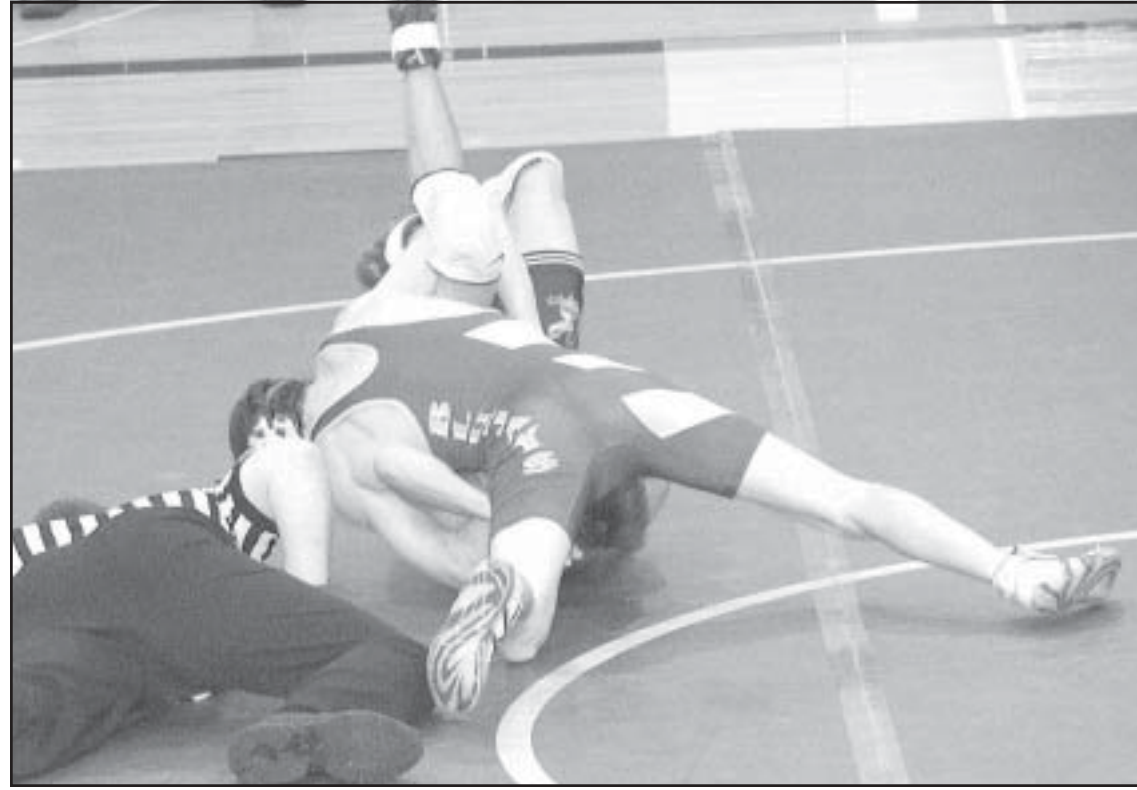
135 - No.2 state ranked Jon Harding and No.5 state ranked Justin York of Smith Center had a hard fought match. York won 7-6.

140 - Blake VanEaton, ranked No.3 in the state, wrestled No.1 state ranked Travis Warner for the second week in a row and the result was the same. Warner edged VanEaton 8-4 last night and 9-6 in the Durham Invitational.

145 - Jeremy Harding, No.6 state ranked, pinned Adam Montgomery in 55 seconds of the first

ranked Clay Madden of Norton pins Scott Jewell of Trego during last night's dominating dual victory over the Golden Eagles.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



period. Harding also pinned Montgomery last Saturday to win the gold medal in the Durham Invitational.

152 - Luke Pfannenstiel, No.2 state ranked, pinned Grady Godsey in 2:31.

160 - No.1 state ranked Lance Roe wrestled No.2 state ranked Jake Nichols for the second time in a week. Roe decisioned Nichols 17-5. Roe decisioned Nichols 7-3 to win the gold medal in the Durham Invitational.

171 - Davvid Stanley pinned Mike Hubbard in 28 seconds.

189 - Shane Stanley was pinned in 40 seconds by No.2 state ranked Kirk Palmer.

215 - Cody Tucker, Smith Center, won by forfeit.

275 - Zach Mannel pinned Johnny Troy in 23 seconds.

Trego

Norton won 8 of the 10 matches wrestled against Trego. The Blue Jays also won two matches by forfeit.

"I was pleased that we were able to put several junior varsity wrestlers in this dual," said Coach Johnson.

"They all won big or by fall. This will give them some confidence. Our seniors will be gone next season and the more junior varsity wrestlers we can get in varsity matches the better it will be for next year."

Results were:

103 - David Counter was pinned by Chad Jamison in 1:23.

112 - Phillip Becker won by forfeit.

119 - Clay Madden, No.1 state ranked, pinned Scott Jewell in 1:31.

125 - Nathan Broeckelman, No.2 state ranked, pinned Ryan Kaiser in 2:30.

130 - Travis Ray won an 11-2 major decision over Heath Maley.

135 - Aaron Husted won a 13-1 major decision over James Richmeier.

140 - Todd Bolt pinned Brian Frick in 2:53.

145 - Brad Nuzum won by forfeit.

152 - Luke Pfannenstiel, ranked No.2 in the state, pinned Jon James in 1:15.

160 - No.1 state ranked Lance Roe won a 20-5 technical fall over Josh Eberle.

171 - Davvid Stanley pinned Tobi Dirks in 1:04.

168 - Shane Stanley lost a 9-1 decision to Michael Malay.

215 - Kyle Spena, Trego, won by forfeit.

275 - Luke Fabrizius, Trego, won by forfeit.

One exhibition match was held at 171 pounds. Norton's Tyler Burns pinned Matt Dietz, Trego, in 5:26.

Mid-Continent League Tournament is next week

Norton girls play on Monday, boys Tuesday

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls basketball team is seeded No.1 and the NCHS boys quintet is seeded No.4 in the upcoming Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament.

In order to accommodate the nine league teams in the eight-team bracket, a feather bracket game will be held in girls and boys divisions on Saturday.

Girls

The Norton girls will play the winner of the No.8 seed Smith Center vs. No.9 seed Stockton feather bracket game, which will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Smith Center. Norton's first-round contest will be at 7 p.m. on Monday in the NCHS Memorial Gym in Norton.

The loser of the feather bracket game will play Victoria at Victoria at 6 p.m. on Friday per league agreement.

Other first round girls games on Monday will be No.4 Phillipsburg vs. No.5 Trego Community, No.3 Ellis vs. No.6 Plainville and No.2 Osborne vs. No.7 Hill City. All first round games will be held at 7 p.m. at the school with the highest seeding.

The first round winner of Norton's game vs. either Smith Center or Stockton and the Phillipsburg-Trego contest will play in the championship semi-finals in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays at 6 p.m. on Friday.

The winners of the Ellis-Plainville and Osborne-Hill City games will play in the championship semi-finals in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Losers of the Norton vs. Smith Center or Stockton and

Phillipsburg-Trego will play at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the consolation semi-finals with location to be announced. Losers of the Ellis-Plainville and Osborne-Hill City games will also play at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the consolation semi-finals with location to be announced.

Championship finals will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Championship semi-finals losers will play for third place at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The losers of the consolation semi-finals will play at 9 a.m. on Saturday in the Gross Memorial Coliseum for seventh place.

Winners of the consolation semi-finals will play at 12 noon on Saturday in the Gross Memorial Coliseum for fifth place.

Boys

No.1 seed in the boys division is Plainville. The Cardinals will play the winners of Saturday's feather bracket game between No.8 Osborne and No.9 Stockton at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The feather bracket game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in Smith Center.

The loser of the feather bracket game will play Victoria at Victoria at 7:30 p.m. on Friday per league agreement.

In other first round games on Tuesday, Norton will play No.5 Hill City in the NCHS Memorial Gym, No.3 Smith Center will play No.6 Phillipsburg and No.2 Trego will play No.7 Ellis. All first round games will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the school with the higher seeding.

Winners of the Plainville vs. winner of the Osborne-Stockton game and Norton-Hill City contest will play in the championship semi-finals at 7:30 p.m. on Friday

in Gross Memorial Coliseum. Winners of the Smith Center-Phillipsburg and Trego-Ellis contests will play in the championship semi-finals at 4:30 p.m. on Friday in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Losers of the Plainville vs. Osborne-Stockton winner and the Norton-Hill City game will play in the consolation semi-finals on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in a location to be announced. Losers of the Smith Center-Phillipsburg and Trego-Ellis contests will play in the consolation semi-finals at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in a location to be announced.

Championship semi-finals winners will play at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum for the championship. Semi-finals losers will play at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum for third place.

Losers of the consolation semi-finals will play at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum for seventh place.

Winners of the consolation semi-finals will play at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum for fifth place.

A plaque will be awarded to the boys and girls tournament champion teams. Twelve individual medals will be awarded to the top three teams in both boys and girls divisions.

Admission to games at home sites will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Admission for games at Gross Memorial Coliseum will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Plainville High School is the host school.

Former Norton state wrestling medal winners are honored

By DICK BOYD

During ceremonies at the J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Norton, Blue Jay former state wrestling medal winners from 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986 and 1996 were honored.

Jerald Porter was honored as a state medalist from the 1936 team.

The 1946 team placed third in the state tournament and had five state placers. They were: James Mulder, first, 95 pounds; Gayle Sanderson, first, 138; John Sides, first, 145 (deceased); Edgar Taylor, third, 154; Bob Milner, third, 165. None were present.

Known addresses are: Gayle Sanderson, 15606 S. Gilbert Rd., Chandler, AZ 85225 and Bob Milner, 42549 R25 Rd., Paonia, CO 81428.

The 1956 team had one state placer, Gerald Shewey, who was not present. Shewey placed third at 165 pounds. His address is: 3310 West 43rd St., Davenport, IA 52806.

The 1966 team placed second in Class A-B. This was the first year the class system was used. Prior to 1966, every school in the state competed for one state title. Members of the 1966 team honored were: Stan Ward, second, 95; Myron Lowry, second, 103; Gary Ulmer, fourth, 112; Quentin Horning, second, 120; Jim Rowh, first, 127.

Ward was not present. His address is: 1811 Krishe Ln., Weatherford, OK 73096.

Lowry also was not present. His address is 3864 Hope Haven Dr., Florissant, MO 63034.

Ulmer lives in Olathe where he was a teacher and wrestling coach for 32 years. He was recently in-

ducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. His address is: 533 E. 126 Terrace, Olathe, KS 66061.

Horning is a retired Highway Patrol Trooper and lives in the Wichita area. His address is: 1471 Broadway Rd., Peck, KS 67120.

Rowh is owner-operator of Pure Prairie Natural Foods store in Norton. His address is: 812 N. Wabash Ave., Norton, KS 67654.

Ulmer, Horning and Rowh were present to receive their awards.

Coach Durham was the head wrestling coach in 1966.

The 1976 team had two state placers. Dave Newell placed fourth at 112 and Curt Farber placed second at 167. Newell lives at 709 W. North in Norton and Farber's address is: 600 N. Main, Ellinwood, KS 67526. Farber was present to receive his award; Newell's daughter, Whitney, accepted his award.

The 1986 team had two state tournament medalists. J.D. Hand was state champion at 145 and Darren McMullen was fourth at heavyweight. McMullen lives at 604 E. Lincoln in Norton and was present to receive his award. Hand was not present. He is wrestling coach at Augusta High School and could not attend due to his coaching obligations. His address is: 1618 Brandon St., Wichita, KS 67207.

The 1996 team placed third in the state tournament and was the first to bring home a state trophy under Coach Bill Johnson's guidance. The four medalists were Brent Brandyberry, fourth, 103; Corey Menagh, state champion, 160; Josh Kellerman, fifth, 189; Jeff Boyle, state champion, 215. Menagh, who pinned his way

through the state tournament to win his first state medal, was present to receive his award. He lives at 510 West Ave. in Norton.

Brandyberry was not present; his address is: 7272 E. 37th St., North No.1117, Wichita, KS 67226. His father, David, accepted his award.

Kellerman was not present; he is a Highway Patrol Trooper in the Kansas City Area. His address is: 814 Third St., Baldwin City, KS 66006.

Boyle was also not able to be present. His address is: 15616 S. Gallery St., Olathe, KS 66061.

Each honored wrestler received congratulations and a "Certificate of Wrestling Excellence" from J.R. "Jake" Durham, former long-time wrestling coach at Norton. They were escorted to the center of the NCHS Memorial Gym by the NCHS cheerleaders. The former wrestlers and families met for fellowship and light refreshments prior to the championship finals and were honored with a reception in the school cafeteria after the finals.

Coach Bill Johnson started the recognition of former Norton state medal winners during his first year here in 1992. Over the past 14 years, 245 state medalists have been honored.

This was the 41st annual wrestling tournament held in Norton and the ninth annual Durham Tournament. It was renamed eight years ago in honor of Durham.

Durham's honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Kansas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still live in Norton.

Former Logan athlete named co-player of week

Bethany's Sam Jackson, 6-foot-6-inch senior forward from Logan, was named Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference co-Player of the Week for week three.

Jackson is averaging 20.9 points

per game in conference play. For the season, Jackson has averaged 21.6 points per game and 5.1 rebounds per contest. He also has shot 50 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw

line.

The Swedes maintain an overall record of 10-6 with a KCAC record of 4-2. They played Sterling College at home in Lindsborg on Thursday.